

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2788
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AGRICULTURE WAREHOUSING CAPACITY
Pradhan Shri Prasanta

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the proportion of warehousing capacity earmarked for agricultural commodities in the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Bill 2005;
- (b) whether any mechanism has been adopted to ensure that the benefits envisaged in the said Act reach the farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2005 is under consideration of the Parliament. The Bill as introduced in Parliament does not have any such provision.

(b)&(c): On enactment of the proposed legislation, the warehouse receipts issued by the registered warehouses to the farmers against the deposit of their agricultural commodities would be fully negotiable and the farmers would be able to seek loans from the banks easily. Besides, proper grading and quality certification of agricultural commodities at the time of deposit in the warehouses would ensure higher return to farmers. Training and Awareness programmes for farmers, to familiarize them with the provisions of the Bill, are also proposed to be organized in order to enable them to take benefit of its provisions.